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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) AND AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests a four (4) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated October 2, 2002 for which a period of one month or 30 days, whichever is longer, was set to expire on November 2, 2002. The extended period expires Monday, March 3, 2003. A Response to Office Action (Restriction Requirement) is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0720 (Rohm & Monsanto, P.L.C.) in the amount of \$725 to cover the fee for a four (4) month extension of time for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted

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